

House Resolution No. 255

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Mary Baker has attained considerable distinction as a teacher at Francis Howell North High School in the Francis Howell R-III School District; and

Whereas, Mary Baker enhanced her already impressive record of achievements on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, when she was publicly recognized in the Capitol Rotunda by the Missouri NBPTS Network for her National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment which can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Mary Baker presented evidence of her teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Mary Baker underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Mary Baker down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon her completion of National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our wishes for continued success as a respected employee of the Francis Howell R-III School District; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary Baker, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 255, adopted January 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker